

# Terei language

**Terei** or **Buin**, also known as *Telei*, *Rugara*, is the most populous Papuan language spoken to the east of New Guinea. There are about 27,000 speakers in the Buin District of Bougainville Province, Papua New Guinea.

## Phonology

The phonology of the Buin language:<sup>[3]</sup>

Consonant sounds			
	<u>Labial</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Velar</u>
<u>Plosive</u>	p	t	k g
<u>Nasal</u>	m	n	ŋ
<u>Liquid</u>		r (l)	

The /g/ sound does not occur word-initially and is often fricativised as [ɣ]. The phoneme /r/ following an /n/ is pronounced as [d], and also occurs as [l] for an allophonic variant. When a /t/ sound occurs before an /i/, it is always pronounced as [tsi], and when occurring before a /u/ or /a/, it may be realized as [tsu] or [tsa] depending on the dialect.

Vowel sounds		
	<u>Front</u>	<u>Back</u>
<u>High</u>	i	u
<u>Mid</u>	e	o
<u>Low</u>	a	

## External links

- Paradisec has a number of collections with materials for Terei language ([http://catalog.paradisec.org.au/collections/search?language\\_code=buo](http://catalog.paradisec.org.au/collections/search?language_code=buo)) two collections of Arthur Cappell's materials (AC1 (<http://catalog.paradisec.org.au/collections/AC1>), AC2 (<http://catalog.paradisec.org.au/collections/AC2>)).

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Terei	
Buin	
Region	Bougainville
Native speakers	27,000 (2003) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	South Bougainville <div>▪<span> </span>Terei</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	buo
Glottolog	tere1278 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/tere1278">http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/tere1278</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

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